SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Did the Government examine, Sir, why these companies had to go into liquidation? Have they gone into the whole question in view of the importance of transport? "

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" In 1946 the Government introduced a system of a fleet of 20 buses. In 1947, the Government broke the monopoly and allowed small people with three buses. So, some have gone into liqudation."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Have the Government examined the repercussions of the frequent changes of their policy before they arrived at the present system? "

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" This system has been welcomed by the people."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, have not many suffered on account of this change as the Hon. Minister himself said? "

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" I have no information, Sir. I will call for it."

Individuals or firms running a fleet of 20 buses or more before 1946.

* 71 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of individuals or firms, who had a fleet of 20 buses or more before 1st January 1946 in the various districts of the Madras State; and

(*b*) how many buses and other motor vehicles the said individuals or firms now own, that is, on 1st July 1951?

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] showing the names of individuals or firms who had a fleet of 20 buses or more before 1st January 1946 in the various districts of the Madras State and the number of buses and other motor vehicles they now own, i.e., as on 1st July 1951, is laid on the table of the House."

State Advisory Council on the Development of Higher Technological Education.

* 72 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have at any time considered the desirability of setting up a State Advisory Council on the Development of Higher Technological Education with a view to review progress from time to time and make recommendations to Government?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Yes. In 1947 the Government set up a Standing Advisory Board of Technical

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Education to advise them on matters relating to courses of technical studies mainly in the Engineering colleges and other technical institutions and the Board was in existence for three years. Recently the Government abolished the Board as it was felt that there was no need for it.''

Dr. SYED TAJUDDIN :—'' May I ask, Sir, whether the Committee consisted of technical men only or had non-technical men also on it? ''

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI :—'' I said, Sir, the Board has ceased to exist.''

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—'' May I know, Sir, before the Government ordered the abolition of the Board, whether they satisfied themselves that the work for which the Board was appointed had been completed, or they found the Board useless? ''

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI :—'' It was found that the Board was not as effective as we desired it in the first instance.''

Dr. SYED TAJUDDIN :—'' May I ask, Sir, whether those who served on the Board were all technical men or non-technical men? If there were both, may I know how many of them were technical men? ''

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI :—'' From the records I find the Board consisted of both technical and non-technical men. Representatives of the Engineering Colleges were there. It was found that the Board had not met after 1949. After examination, and when the question of renewal came, it was found that the Board, as then constituted, was not as effective as it was desired. It was thought, therefore, unnecessary to continue the Board.''

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—'' May I know how often the Board, during the period of its existence, met, and how often it made its recommendations to Government, and how many of its recommendations were accepted or rejected by the Government? ''

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI :—'' The Board met three times, and all the recommendations of the Board are being examined.''

Dr. SYED TAJUDDIN :—'' Do the Government feel the need for such a Board still exists? ''

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI :—'' We felt that there was no need, and that is why we abolished the Board.''

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—'' If the Board was abolished in 1949, some of the recommendations may have relation to the period of 1948. Are those recommendations under the examination of the Government still after three years? ''

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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Some of the recommendations seem to be such as to require a thorough examination."

State aid to Burma evacuees.

* 73 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government rendered aid to evacuees from Burma and if so, the nature of the aid given and up to what date and also the conditions and regulations relating to the grant of such assistance; and

(*b*) whether any assistance is still granted to enable such evacuees to rehabilitate themselves or secure suitable employment and if so, the conditions relating thereto?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Attention is invited to the papers[a] placed on the table of the House."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Sir, was the financial assistance rendered to the evacuees treated as loan or as free gift? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" All the information that is available with the Government has been furnished to the hon. Member in the paper placed on the table of the House."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Sir, I would like to know whether the amount that was advanced . . ."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" The Hon. Minister would like you to read the paper."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" I have read the paper, and my question directly arises out of the information furnished in it."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" You have not got the information? "

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" No. That is why I am putting this question. If the information is in the paper, why should I put the question? On this question I have to put some other questions."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Assistance was sanctioned by the Government of India and administered by the State Government as the Central Government's Agent on the following lines till 28th February 1948 :—

(i) Maintenance allowances paid monthly at a scale based on a consideration of the pre-evacuation income of the recipient.

(ii) School allowances to children, in addition to maintenance allowances.

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